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Forty-Sixth Year

Grimsby, Ontario, Wednesday, December 23rd, 1931

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Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin
Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender
and mild, Sleep in
heavenly peace, Sleep
in heaven's peace

Silent night, Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the
sight, Glories stream
from heaven afar
Heavenly sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is
born, Christ the
Saviour, is born

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COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS ITS FINAL SESSION OF YEAR

Various Reports Are Dealt With — Warden And Chairmen of Committees Receive Usual Honorariums—Industrial Home And Farm In First Class Condition

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln met pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, in the City of St. Catharines, on Wednesday, December 16th, A.D. 1931, at ten o'clock, a.m.

Present: The Warden, in the chair and Messrs. Woodruff, Stirling, Bolton, Nesbitt, Swayze, Parker, Irvine, Osborne, Rittenhouse, Stork, Shields, Claus, Fralick, Copeland, McClelland, Lawson, Mitchell and Wilkins.

The Members of the Council decided to dispense with visiting the different county buildings at the session. A by-law authorizing the sale of the lands and premises to Henry Hoshell Dean, mentioned in the deed laid before the council, was given three readings and passed.

The warden and clerk were authorized to sign and submit to the Minister of public works and highways of the Province of Ontario, the petition of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln, showing that during the period from January 1st, 1931, to November 30th, 1931, there has been expended upon the County road system the sum of \$79,740.80 and requesting the statutory grants on that amount as provided by the act to aid in the improvement of public highways.

The council recognized the loss that has been sustained by the County Clerk and Treasurer in the death of his father and passed a resolution extending to him and his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Your Board of Management has met each month and have therefore been able to keep in close touch with both home and farm.

I have made many trips to the Home throughout the year and am pleased to report both the Home and Farm in first class condition. Your Board spent a day visiting the Home at Brantford, Elmer, Dunnville and Welland, also during the Convention we visited the Home at Cornwall and Perth and find that our Home compares very favourably with all institutions throughout the Province.

Your Board met recently and discussed the sale and disposal of the lower twenty acres and recommended to the Council the same be disposed of when a satisfactory figure has been secured.

I wish to thank the clergy, and all different churches, church choirs, clubs and societies, also the different bands throughout the county who have been very attentive to the social as well as the spiritual welfare of the inmates and which has been very much enjoyed and appreciated by all our old people.

A resolution was passed that the members of the council at the closing session of the year 1931 express their thanks to the Warden, Clerk and Treasurer, Stenographers, Messengers, Superintendent and Matron of the Industrial Home, County School, Inspector, Agricultural Representative, County Solicitor, and County Engineer, also the Agents of the Children's Aid Society for their unflinching kind-

W. D. Fairbrother Is Honored by Colleagues Registrar of Deeds

The reeve, ex-reeves and members of the municipal councils, also corporation officers over a period of eighteen years assembled on Monday night in the Robinson tea room, Beamsville, to pay a tribute to former clerk and treasurer W. D. Fairbrother, since raised to the position of registrar of deeds for Lincoln county.

Around the boards were gathered to the number of some twenty colleagues of eighteen years, and of these, the work of the former clerk and treasurer was intimately associated. They paid him a deserved tribute in anecdote and story.

It only remained for S. J. Wilson, M.P.P., who was a former reeve himself, to put the final touches on this epochal municipal history by taking from the hands of Reg. Atkinson and Chas. Wilcox, the two young sons of members of the council, and presenting to Mr. Fairbrother a magnificent silver tray suitably engraved as a lasting memento of the corporation of the County of Beamsville for work well done.

As reeve tributes were visibly touched by the many tributes of old friends throughout the evening, when he rose to reply. He dwelt on his tenure of eighteen years in office, spoke feelingly of his last-minute thoughts in relinquishing the office and said that as in the past, the old home town would ever hold for him the first place in his affections.

HAMILTON COMPANY TO OPERATE AT 100 PER CENT UNTIL END OF YEAR

The Canadian Drawn Steel Company will operate at 100 per cent capacity until the end of the year, H. J. Waddle, president announced.

The company's action is in line with a suggestion by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that concerns operate full time in order to supply the necessities of Christmas money. Other manufacturers are expected to do likewise.

BASKETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Christmas Cheer Being Provided By Relief Committee — Donations Received

The Relief Committee of the town has been busy this week arranging for Christmas cheer for families in unfortunate circumstances. The ladies are looking after the baskets as usual.

The town, in order to provide employment for as many as possible, Christmas put on a double shift of workers on the Robinson Street North job on Wednesday and Thursday, two extra days being provided. Twenty-five men are being taken care of in this way.

The town relief fund has now reached a total of \$996.64. Among the contributions received was a substantial amount from the staffs of both the high and public schools.

During the week one of the teachers at the public school forwarded a communication to the relief fund committee in which it was stated that two nickles enclosed were brought to her by two children to help with the relief for Christmas cheer.

The committee also received a cheque for \$10.00 for Christmas cheer from the Lincoln Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F.

The relief committee is still in need of children's clothing and shoes and would be grateful to any citizens who may have these articles.

Annual At Home Of Union Lodge Enjoyable Function

The annual At Home of Union Lodge No. 7, A.F., held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening last, proved a most enjoyable function and was largely attended, about 125 being present.

A splendid program which was much appreciated was given the forepart of the evening, W. M. R. A. Lip- ping, acting as chairman. It included violin selections by Mrs. Erle Thomas, vocal solos by Mrs. C. S. Bean, contralto, readings by G. L. Eaton and Mr. Newlove of Hamilton, and piano numbers by Mr. T. L. Dymond.

Another feature of the evening was step dancing by the Brotherton sisters, of Hamilton, girls of eight and ten years of age.

A buffet lunch was served at 1:30 o'clock, after which dancing was enjoyed by those present until 1:30, the Philo Sarge orchestra providing the music.

Many Attend High School At Home Successful Event

The annual At Home of the Grimsby High School was again attended by a large number of guests being held on Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the school, when over two hundred were present.

Excellent music was provided by Phil Gage and his orchestra, of Burlington. The room was very tastefully decorated in Christmas colors, much credit being due Mr. Stubbs, of the teaching staff, who so willingly undertook the supervision of the arrangements.

A dainty luncheon was served to those present, through the kindness of the members of Lincoln Loyalist Chapter, L.O.L.E.

Patronesses during the evening were Mesdames A. R. Gibe, J. A. Campbell, J. S. Jackson, D. Clark and L. A. Bromley.

PENSION BOARD MAKES REPORT

\$11,694 Paid In Old Age Pensions During Year — 67 Receiving Pensions

The Annual Report of Local Old Age Pension Board for the year 1931 presented at the final meeting of the Lincoln County Council was as follows:

Your committee appointed to look after all matters in connection with the Local Age Pensions began leave to report as follows:

Since the beginning of the Local Old Age Pension work there have been 432 applications with 39 deaths during that time.

During the past year, from January 1st, 1931 to date, there have been 100 applications, with 21 deaths, 67 of these applicants are receiving the Pension and 29 after proper investigation have been refused, 4 applications are still under consideration.

The total amount paid by the Old Age Pension Board during the year 1931 is \$11,694.47. \$11,694.47 of this was for Pensions; \$390.03 was for the Stenographer's salary and \$399.09 was for Board's fees.

S. H. SHIELDS, Chairman.
R. E. BOOK,
P. E. WILKINS,
J. ARTHUR SWAYZE,
D. STIRLING.

Small contingents of men from Grimsby, Port Dalhousie and Thorold have left for road construction camps at Quill River, in the Kenora district. The group, which was accompanied to Toronto by Superintendent Leo Cunningham of the Employment Bureau, includes 17 from Grimsby and 19 from Port Dalhousie and 10 from Thorold.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY

Township Meeting at 1 o'clock And Town Meeting At 7:30 P.M.

The nominations for both the town of Grimsby and Township of North Grimsby will be held in the council chambers, Grimsby, on Monday next, when it is anticipated a large number of ratepayers will attend. The township nomination will be held at 1:00 o'clock p.m. and the town nomination at 7:30 p.m.

There is considerable conjecture as to the probable candidates in both municipalities and it is rumored that citizens outside of the present councils will stand for office.

On the other hand the opinion has been expressed by a number of citizens that the councils should be re-elected by acclamation this year and the funds saved used for relief purposes.

If a larger number of candidates qualify for the various offices than their election will be held, on Monday, January 4th. Candidates for office have until Tuesday evening at nine o'clock to qualify.

NO HOCKEY TEAM HERE

Amateur Athletic Association Withdraws Team — Parties Fail To Reconcile Differences

There will be no hockey team this year. After two weeks of hectic struggle the Amateur Association decided late last night to withdraw their team. This is the hardest blow administered to sport in this or any other town but there was no other alternative. The Athletic Association was not a party in this squabble. They were trying to act as peace-makers between the parties in dispute. But the hours of this spent in trying to do this went for nothing.

A wire to W. A. Hewitt, secretary O. H. A., Toronto, is as follows: "Team definitely withdrawn from O. H. A. Parties in dispute deadlocked. Forward release forms for players elsewhere."

The Grimsby Amateur Athletic Association takes this opportunity of wishing all the citizens a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Sporty New Year.

C. T. FARRELL, President.

WEEKLY TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

Dec.	Max.	Min.
16	41	31
17	47	30
18	42	31
19	45	38
20	34	28
21	47	22
22	44	40

Auto Strikes Pole District In Darkness

Nearly the whole district from the Beach as far east as Oakville was plunged into darkness about 10:2 o'clock on Saturday night, when an automobile struck a Hydro-Electric power company pole at the junction of the Windermere cut-off and Beach boulevard. Street lights, store and house lights went out.

Business men of the town were seriously inconvenienced. When the lights did not come on immediately, a search for candles and lamps was made in most homes. Repair men of the local Hydro office went out immediately to locate the trouble, but it was well over an hour before the service was restored.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER CARES FOR MANY CHILDREN

The representative of the County of Lincoln on the Board of Management of the Children's Shelter presented the following report at the final meeting of the County Council:

I herewith present a financial report of receipts and expenditures for the year 1931 to December 14th, for the Children's Shelter, there being cared for this year, 24 children.

The following is a statement of Revenue and Expenditures:

1931	Estimated	Actual
Expenditures		
Salaries and Wages	\$4,100.00	\$3,758.00
Food and Meats	600.00	463.94
Milk	250.00	182.50
Bread	200.00	112.57
Ice	25.00	23.00
Drugs	50.00	44.90
Clothing	300.00	212.17
Light, Heat and Water	500.00	468.53
Telephone	125.00	125.07
Railway Fares, Taxi, etc.	300.00	330.00
Motor Maintenance	500.00	194.59
General Repairs and Replacements	25.00	25.00
Printing, Stationery, etc.	42.00	82.21
Laundry supplies	25.00	41.67
In urance	315.00	127.74
Miscellaneous	309.00	155.42
	\$7,767.00	\$6,285.65
Revenue		
Dec. 14th		
Estimated	\$ 350.00	\$ 217.50
Actual	\$ 350.00	\$ 217.50
Balance		\$ 132.50

J. ARTHUR SWAYZE, Chairman.

FIRE DEPT. IS EFFICIENT

Highly complimented on Its Fine Record — Entertains Town And Township Councils

The members of the Grimsby Fire Department were hosts to the town and township councils and other friends on Friday evening at their club rooms, when a most enjoyable few hours was spent by all present. Entertainment being provided in cards and billiards which was followed by an appetizing luncheon served by the firemen.

In the card games the prizes were awarded to George Bolton, Jas. Wentworth and E. B. Murdoch.

The evening concluded with brief addresses by those present, ex-Mayor A. Hewson presiding with much acceptance.

Mayor Boulter of Grimsby, Deputy Reeve Mitchell of North Grimsby and members of both councils spoke briefly as did also others present, all of whom complimented the fire department highly on its splendid record of service and the evidences of harmony existing in the organization.

Chief Demill in acknowledging the expressions of appreciation, stated that the fire in Grimsby during the year numbered 12.

The total estimated loss in the town was \$1757.00. The fire in North Grimsby totalled 5 with a total estimated loss of \$2500, including the Pickett House which was totally destroyed.

Grimsby's volunteer fire department, in two addresses given, was lauded for its promptness in getting to fires and the general efficiency displayed in the discharge of its duties under the leadership of Chief Demill.

The event was in every way a most successful one and provided a delightful social evening.

Annual Christmas Tree Party Given By Grimsby Lodge

Over one hundred children and parents from the town and township gathered for the second annual Christmas tree party for the children of the unemployed, held on Saturday afternoon under the auspices of Grimsby Lodge, I.O.O.F., and it proved a most happy event. Following the singing of "O Canada" and the "Maple Leaf" for which Mrs. Shaffer acted as accompanist, games were played after which the kiddies were served with ice cream and cake.

The arrival of Santa Claus was the crowning event and the distribution of bags of candy, oranges, nuts and candy canes, brought joy to many hearts. Santa Claus also giving the smaller children a big stocking filled with novelties and the larger children smaller ones. The larger sizes were also sent to sick children unable to be present. Each child was also presented with a pair of woolen stockings.

The stockings filled with novelties were donated by Mr. Ballard of the Grimsby Drygoods Company. Cake was donated by Albert Jarvis, of the Grimsby Bakery and the cones for the ice cream by Chivers and Sons.

A much larger number of children of the unemployed than usual were provided for this year, only 43 children of the unemployed being located last year.

Mr. John E. Singer, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Singer, Doran Ave.

Misses Lila and June Walker arrived home on Friday last from Varsity, Toronto, where they will spend the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED BY WARDEN BOOK

Enjoyable Function Held in St. Catharines on Thursday Last — Presentation Made To Warden At End of Term — Representatives Present From Various Municipalities — Happy Addresses Given

The Welland House, St. Catharines, was the scene of an auspicious event on Thursday evening last, when Warden Robert E. Book, Reeve of South Grimsby, was host to the members of the Lincoln County Council, county officials and a large number of friends at the Warden's banquet. The function was an elaborate one and provided a most enjoyable evening.

The Smithville orchestra enlivened the occasion with their renderings as did also the Smithville Men's Chorus, which provided original numbers, while John Abbs, capably led the community singing.

Following a delicious turkey dinner a series of toasts elicited happy remarks, the duties of toastmaster being capably performed by James Macpherson, ex-warden, of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The toast to the Legislature was ably proposed by ex-warden Joseph E. Masters, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and was responded to by S. J. Wilson, of Lincoln, and E. C. Graves, of St. Catharines.

Mr. Wilson left the address in the hands of Mr. Graves. The latter declared that members of county councils or members of governments had never seen such a difficult time. It is a great time for the opposition, he said, it is so easy to tell what ought to be done. While we may make mistakes we are all Canadians and try to do our best for Canada.

Legislation may be suggested at the next session, Mr. Graves said, which may not be too well thought of by county councils and the rural districts. In this he referred to a controller of finance, pointing out the difficulties of some municipalities. I am satisfied, he said, that irrespective of what the government may find necessary to do, the county of Lincoln is solid in financial matters and at no time will it be necessary to send a man here to check on you. We must watch our financial position carefully for the next few years if we are to weather the storm which has been brewing for some time, he said.

He spoke on the possibility of a moratorium on mortgages and stated that he hoped that would never come, expressing the belief that there was a better way. Just as soon as you place a moratorium on mortgages, he said, you bottle money up so tight that a large number of men will be unable to carry on. He spoke of the \$25,000,000 loaned by the Provincial Government to the farmers of the province and the difficulties now being met in that regard. If the government were to foreclose on any farm that act would never be taken graciously by the community at large, he said. He admitted that quite a few people were being squeezed for mortgages who should never be squeezed.

Warden Jefferson, of Haldimand County, Warden Gibson of Wentworth County, Dr. Lewis of Smithville and Mr. McGinness of the Highway Department also responded.

Other speakers of the evening were those who are seeking the Warden's chair next year, Reeves Herbert Copeland, Arch. Woodruff, Wm. Fralick and S. H. Shields.

Ex-Warden Fred Oakes proposed the toast to the guests. Warden Near of Welland was the first to respond, and in a brief address stated that Canada would be one of the first countries to emerge from the present depression, and that the counties of Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand and Wentworth would lead the way. He referred to a conference on road matters between the four counties as being of great value and stated that these problems could be best worked out together.

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Weather Affects Keeping Qualities of Vegetables

Further information has been received from T. F. Ritchie, assistant in vegetable gardening at the Dominion Experimental farm, with regard to the keeping qualities of the late fruits and vegetables as affected by the continuance of warm weather during the autumn. Where vegetables were put in storage cellars and placed in large containers or bins without proper ventilation, there is bound to be a considerable loss owing to the high temperatures which occurred. Vegetables like cabbage, which have been placed in storage, may be protected to a certain extent by dusting with Bordeaux dust, and it is not too sure that if the same material was used on carrots and other vegetables that it might have some protective value. The dusting should be done at intervals of two weeks.

John Hicks, Former Principal at Beamsville Is Suddenly Stricken

Within a few minutes after coming into the house and sitting in his chair early on Monday afternoon, John Hicks, of Beamsville, passed away with a heart attack. Deceased was one of the best-known public school teachers of the province, and was born in Huron county, and came to Beamsville as principal of the public school from Winona in 1911. He occupied this position until June, 1930.

Apart from his educational profession, his principal hobby was the breeding of barred rock poultry. For a number of years he was the recipient of many prizes at poultry shows in Ontario.

He was past president of the Ontario Barred Rock association, a past president of the local horticultural association, a past president of the Lincoln County Teachers' association, of the Beamsville Poultry association, and a director of the Clinton Agricultural society. He was an active member and a past treasurer of Court Limestone, C.O.F. The fire on both the public and high schools were at half mast in tribute to his long term of office in the local school. At the municipal election in January last he was elected a member of the board of education for the two-year term. Surviving are his widow, one son, Harold, now in Los Angeles, and three daughters.

OBITUARY

JOEL LEVERETT SNYDER
The death occurred at his late residence, Robinson Street, North, on Tuesday, December 22nd, of Joel Leverett Snyder in his 79th year. Deceased was born at St. Anna, February 14th, 1853, and lived in this district for about 45 years. Mr. Snyder was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are one son Robert, of Preston, and two daughters, Mrs. Glover, of Boston, and Mrs. Peterson of Grimsby, also two brothers, M. Snyder and L. Snyder, of St. Anna, and one sister, Mrs. Noah of Dakota, U.S.A. Mrs. Frank Hitchman, of Grimsby, and Mrs. Chadwick, of Toronto, are grandchildren of the deceased. Mrs. Snyder, who was a widow, preceded her husband a few years.

The funeral will be held from his late residence on Thursday at 2 o'clock p.m. with interment in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

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Local Items of Interest

The various classes at the Grimsby Public School held entertainments appropriate to Christmas on Tuesday afternoon.

A drizzling rain fell all day Tuesday here. Various citizens lamented the fact that the weather was not more reasonable.

The stores of Grimsby merchants are attractive with Christmas decorations and present a festive appearance in keeping with the season.

The Public and High Schools closed on Tuesday, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 4th.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby Horticultural Society will be held in the Council Chambers on Saturday, January 16th, 1932, at 8 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.

Members of the Grimsby Horticultural Society may exchange their Premium Slips before December 31st for Christmas plants at Cole's Nurseries, Main St. East. Phone 328 and your plants will be delivered.

Owing to the holiday season and the absence of members the regular business meeting of the I. O. D. E. will not be held until the first Monday in January.

Quite a number from Grimsby attended the annual dance held at Beamsville on Friday evening by the West Lincoln Branch, No. 127, Canadian Legion.

Mr. Stephen Spencer has returned from Toronto, where he has been undergoing treatment at the Christie St. Hospital. His friends will be pleased to learn that he is making a satisfactory recovery.

In the list of officers of the W. M. S. of the United Church given in last week's issue, the name of Mrs. P. E. Wilkins, who was elected treasurer of the organization was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. C. W. Bell, K.C., of Hamilton, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Clubs of Trinity United Church and St. Andrew's Church to be held on Tuesday, January 5th in Trinity Hall, the latter club having accepted the invitation extended by the United Church Club to be present.

Friends of Mr. Frank Smart, C. N. R. telegraph operator at Grimsby, who has been confined in a Hamilton hospital as a result of injuries received in a recent auto accident, will be glad to know that he is progressing favorably, returning to his home in Grimsby a few days ago.

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FOR SALE — Rendered Honey, 10 lb. pail 60c, at my residence also at Theal Bros' Store, J. B. Moore, Kerman Ave., Grimsby. 2tp

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Social and Personal

Miss Maile Cullingford has returned from a two weeks' visit in Ottawa.

Mrs. C. E. Phipps and Miss Sadie Phipps spent Monday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Falvey, of New York, are spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. D. Clark, Paton St.

Miss Gladys Barnim, of New York, is spending Christmas with her parents, Depot St.

Mr. J. J. Force, of Burford, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James T. Theat.

Miss Annie Betta, of Toronto, is the guest of friends in Grimsby for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Douglas Wood, of Varsity, Toronto, is visiting with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Wood, during the Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Ralph and Eric Bull, of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bull.

Miss Flora Aiton, who is attending Queen's University at Kingston, is spending two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Aiton, Oak St.

Miss Marion Marsh, who is a student at Guelph, O.A.C., is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh, Robinson St.

Mr. Douglas Farrell, who is attending Varsity at Toronto, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Farrell.

Mr. George Bowen and Miss Jean Hammond, of Peterboro, Ontario, were guests for the past few days, of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Love, Dejeu St.

FULTON - GRASSIE W. I.
The spirit of goodwill pervaded the Christmas meeting of the Fulton-Grassie W. I. for all those fortunate enough to attend.

Considerable time was taken in reports and discussion of relief work both in the community and in Hamilton. Plans were also made for future work.

Miss Mary Hayball gave a splendid insight into the progress of Education in a paper on "The History of the Public School in Canada." Many amusing reminiscences were recalled of pioneer school days.

The Roll call on "What have you?" was answered promptly and the varied answers were amusing, interesting and helpful.

Christmas music and the exchange of gifts completed an enjoyable afternoon.



Commodore Walter Hase, C.B.E., R.C.N., Chief of the Naval Staff, Ottawa, returned to-day on the Commodore Ascania after a holiday trip in Europe.

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Another Barn Fire In Wentworth County Loss Is \$4,000

Another Wentworth county barn was burned Saturday when the uninsured outbuildings on the farm of Joseph De Lottinville, on the Governor's road 1½ miles west of Dundas, was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin, with a loss of about \$4,000. Twelve pigs, two calves and three rabbits were destroyed, along with the season's crops.

The fire broke out in the hayloft, it was stated, about 7.30 o'clock and tramps are believed by the owner to have been responsible. The owner, who had lived in the county for many years, had been milking, and had gone to the separator house. When he returned he found the upper part of the barn, in which had been stored about eight tons of hay, in flames. Two seed drills and twenty loads of oat sheaves were also a prey of the flames, as well as the fine barn, a pig pen and a chicken coop.

Former Beverly Tp. Farm Boy Leaves Accumulated Millions

Rise of a Beverley Township farm boy to affluence was revealed when the probate of the will of Andrew McNicholl, Winnipeg millionaire, financier and philanthropist, disclosed the disposition of an estate variously estimated at from six to fifteen million dollars.

Dr. W. J. McNicholl, a nephew has been mentioned as one of the principal heirs, but he declared he did not know what legacies his uncle's will provided.

"I doubt if the estate will approach the amount reported," he said. "My uncle gave several million dollars to charity during his lifetime."

Thirteen nieces and nephews will share in the estate, he thought. All but three reside in Ontario. R. T. McNicholl, of Winnipeg, a nephew will probably succeed to the presidency of A. R. McNicholl, Ltd., a six million dollar corporation, which administered the holdings accumulated by its founder.

City To Abandon Claim For Radial Bonus of \$25,000

The Hamilton Board of Control has recommended to the City Council that the city abandon its claim upon the Ontario Hydro Commission for the return, with interest, of the bonus of \$25,000 given to the H. G. & B. Radial Railway thirty-five years ago, provided the Hydro meets the following conditions: Removes the rails within the city limits, puts the streets in proper repair, turns over all the assets of the line within the city, and also refunds \$1,000 to the city in connection with an overcharge for removal of poles and street widening.

Doubt was expressed that the city could force Hydro to repay the bonus to the city, even if the issue were taken into the courts, as the point might be raised that the H. G. & B. Railway had earned the bonus through thirty-five years of operation.

Hamilton Election Cost Over \$6500

The cost of Hamilton's municipal election was slightly more than \$6500 which figures out a little more than 17 cents for each vote polled. The election cost was a little higher than previous years because of the increased number of polling sub-divisions, but the average cost per vote was lower because of the unusually heavy poll.

Heading the list of expenses was the cost of polling booths. Each of 273 booths cost \$21 to operate, \$5 for booth rental, \$7 for the deputy returning officer, \$3 for his clerk and \$4 for the special constable, a grand total of \$5733. Then there was \$525 for printing, \$100 for forms and the remainder for equipment, such as ink and pencils and other sundries.

It is estimated, allowing for repeaters, that is people who vote more than once for money by-laws that 38,000 people voted on Monday, the largest number in the city's history.

Welland County Warden Entertains At Banquet

With over 200 in attendance, the annual warden's banquet of Welland county was held at the Hotel Reeta with County Warden W. L. Near of Hammondsville as host. Many prominent residents from the district were included on the program of speakers, which was as follows: George H. Pettit, K. C., M. P.; Mark Vaughan, M. L. A. Welland; W. G. Wilson, M. L. A. Ridgeway; John Rolph, Welland; Louis MacDonald, Port Colborne; Mayor Fred J. Bradley, Welland; and county councillors, Roland Boyd, Staird; Herbert Fretz, Port Colborne; C. E. Steele, Port Colborne; John Kapelle, Chippewa; Frank Hexamer, Stamford; Warden Near, who gave the address of the evening, introduced by Ex-Warden A. Gibson, of Hammondsville township, was the toast to the ex-wardens was proposed by Arthur Dam, of Beachville.

At the closing of the non-jury sittings of the supreme court at Welland court house on Saturday, Justice Nicol Jeffery awarded \$1,200 damages to Wallace Bruce Wilson, Bridgeburg, in the action of Mr. Wilson against Dr. Albert Collins, of Bridgeburg, for enticing plaintiff's wife, Almira Alice Wilson, away from her home and husband.

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St. Catharines Is Sound Financially

That the City of St. Catharines is in a position to weather the financial storm was made apparent when the

Pre-cooling, Central Packing And Storage Plant for St. Catharines

The first step towards the erection of a pre-cooling, central packing and

of St. Catharines general manager, Walter E. Burns Financial Chairman, said it would not be necessary for St. Catharines to borrow any money for future requirements. He added it was doubtful in any event that any bonds could now be sold by this or any other corporation at this time. "Not long ago the City of St. Catharines could borrow money at 4.72 per cent. It is doubtful that we could get it now for less than 5.34 per cent. In view of the fact that the Dominion of Canada has had to pay 5.13 and 5.17 for its recent bond issue," said Alderman Burns.

given to a fixed assessment for \$10,000 on a proposed plant to be erected by the company on their lands on Davidson street. The by-law will now go to the electors for ratification. The proposed plant will cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and is to be erected during the coming year. Should the company fail to secure financial assistance from the government towards the erection of such a plant within the next year, provision is made in the agreement that the date of building may be delayed upon consent of the council.

South Africa Finds Sharks Profitable

Man-Eaters Furnish the Raw Material for Thriving Industry at Durban

Cape Town.—Sharks, the man-eaters of sinister reputation and grim memory, are now providing South Africa with a new and flourishing industry, writes Lawrence G. Green in The N. Y. Times. The shark fishing station at Durban has proved a success. Before long the shark hunters will be at work all around the coasts of the Union, from Zululand to Walvis Bay.

Commercial shark fishermen in South African waters use gill nets, 600 feet long and 50 feet deep, with a mesh which traps the shark behind the gills. So large are the hauls that it is often difficult to drag the nets on board the small vessels operating from Durban. The sharks are dead when they reach the surface, drowned by their own fierce efforts to escape from the nets.

Not a scrap of a shark's carcass is wasted at the shore station. One of the most important products is shark leather, which is tough, with an extremely fine grain and a color that never fades. Shoes, bags and gloves of the best quality are made from shark skin. A ton of shark yields about ninety square feet of leather.

The Versatile Liver Oil. Then there is the valuable liver, which, when refined, is very similar to cod liver oil. Lower grades of shark liver oil are used in the manufacture of paint, varnish and soap. The best oil has been turned into margarine without a trace of fishy smell of flavor remaining.

Shark fins, of course, go to China, where such delicacies are relished. A shark fin, in fact, is about the most expensive food in the world. It contains a gelatinous substance which is prized for its vitamins. Dried in the sun and carefully packed, one shark fin may be worth \$5 by the time it reaches the Far East.

The teeth go to the same market. Cleaned and bleached and often capped with gold, they make necklaces which are adored by the women of China. In some of the Pacific Islands sharks' teeth are used as currency. A Sydney firm once received an order for 100,000 sharks' teeth for this purpose.

Shark meat tastes very much like salt cod. Washed, pickled, dried and cut into strips, it is ready for export to certain African territories where it is held in higher esteem than canned salmon or caviar.

Dress Goods and Drugs. The skin of a shark's stomach may be turned into a substitute for cloth. The gill provides elements of wonderful quality. Precious drugs are obtained from the pancreatic glands. Other parts of the carcass are converted into fertilizer containing a high percentage of nitrogen.

A great impetus was given to the shark-fishing industry by the discovery of a method of removing the delicate skin. This is an intricate, secret process. Sharkskin, properly treated, is so soft that stockings which will not "ladder" can be made from it.

There is no fear that the war on sharks will result in a state of affairs such as that which is threatening the whaling industry. The supply of sharks is equal to any demand. At Durban the daily catch of ten exceeds eighty sharks, including one weighing 1,000 pounds. Another eighty sharks are worth about \$2,000. There are millions more in the sea. Experts believe that it will be at least ten years before the supply of sharkskin can meet the demand.

The Intelligentia

By O. Bernard Shaw in a recent lecture.

Finally there came a time when all this business about ostracizing the intelligentia was not working.

When I went to Russia I was received at Moscow by a large delegation of men. To begin with, they always picked authors on me in all directions. They were the very last people I wanted to see. There were also men of science, artists and the rest of it. They all came. I noticed they looked uncommonly jolly and prosperous and so on.

I said to the authors: "I am glad to see you looking so prosperous and so on." Not a single author in Russia tried to borrow a shilling from me. That is an absolute record for the earth. I said to them: "Are you not the intelligentia?" They replied: "Certainly not. We are not the intelligentia."

I said: "I know that, of course, but I thought it was more or less of a family secret between ourselves. How did the Russian Government find it out, and if you are not the intelligentia, what are you?" They answered: "We are the intellectual proletariat."

The farmer sat on the porch with a jug of corn likker beside him. The salesman came up the steps: "How do you do, sir. I have here a monumental work on agriculture which gives all the newest methods in farming." "What good will it do me?" "Why, it will teach you to be a better farmer." "Don't want it. Ain't half as good a farmer now as I know how to be."—Saturday Evening Post.

Says Canada Strong in Day of Trial

Bank of Montreal Heads Review Situation at Bank's Annual Meeting

In the speeches of Sir Charles Gordon, president, and Jackson Dodds, joint general manager, at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, comment was made on the inherent strength being exhibited by Canada in the face of world depression, especially in regard to the banking structure of the country. Sir Charles, while declining to prophesy as to the immediate outlook, said that taking the long view "There is every reason to look forward with confidence to emerging stronger and more prosperous than ever from the conditions that now prevail," and Mr. Dodds remarked, "It would be rash indeed to speak with assurance of the prospects of the coming year, but it is surely permissible to say that when international confidence and co-operation are restored, and commerce in consequence improves, Canada will be among the first to benefit."

Sir Charles Gordon made particular reference to the manner in which the low price levels have affected farming, lumbering, mining, and newspaper manufacture, remarking in regard to the latter that there was reason to believe that a better condition was being ushered in by the profit arising from the premium on New York funds and from consolidation of companies for the purpose of reducing overhead expense and effecting more economical distribution of the product.

While expressing the opinion that

Canada's large foreign obligations would tend to prevent an early return of the Canadian dollar to par, he said he had no doubt that it would return to par. As factors already working to that end he remarked that the adverse balance of trade in the 12 months to September 30 had been reduced to \$25,000,000 as compared with \$100,000,000 for the previous 12 months, and that in the five months to October 31st last there was each month an excess of domestic exports over imports, so that it would seem that the country had reached the point of an adjusted foreign trade.

Jackson Dodds, joint General Manager with W. A. Boggs, in presenting the balance sheet reviewed the progress made by the Bank during the fiscal year. Remarking that "we should be thankful that we in Canada are as well off as we are," he said business, nevertheless, was at a low ebb, and a halt must be called to mounting expenditures by federal, provincial and municipal authorities, as these only aggravated the situation. Referring to the fact that the downward movement of prices had reached record levels during the year, he pointed out the importance of a Central Bank in maintaining a stable price level as demonstrated by United States experience. Concluding, he urged the adoption of a policy by which as many unemployed as possible will be made self-supporting by placing them on the land.

The Hundredth Girl

It Seemed Suspicious—But He Believed in Her Absolutely.

By A. G. Greenwood

"That's it," thought Eddie Scott, eyeing the pretty young girl, as she left his shop clinging to the arm of the fat, florid, middle-aged fellow who had just bought a very expensive engagement ring, "ninety-nine girls out of a hundred will sell themselves for a life of luxury."

He was enlarging on this cynical theme when into the shop stepped a tall, slim girl, whose Robin Hood had revealed a mass of dark curls.

"Good-afternoon," she said nervously. "I was wondering if you would care to buy this?"

Eddie took from her outstretched palm an earring, consisting of a miniature eye, encased in natural colors, with a pendant pearl in the shape of a teardrop.

"I found only one," she explained; "and one earring isn't much good, is it? Yesterday I was unlucky. I had my bag snatched. Nearly two pounds gone!"

It was some time before Eddie realized that in the case of ninety-nine such customers out of a hundred he would have asked questions. This girl was the hundredth. Questions didn't occur to him. He merely observed that the pearl was worth a couple of pounds, and then sympathized with her about the bag-snatching.

They chatted for a little, and it was only when at last she said "Good-afternoon" that he remembered to ask her name and address.

"A mere matter of form," he added; but he felt he couldn't let her vanish and be utterly lost in the world.

"Mary Ridley," she said.

Eddie repeated the name as he scribbled at her dictation in his order-book:

"Mary Ridley, No. 6, Fairfield Road. I know it."

Swiftly he preceded her to the door and opened it. A fog had come on.

"It looks pretty thick," he said. "won't you wait? Please do. It looks hardly safe—especially with all these bag-snatchers about."

"Well, perhaps I'd better—just a few minutes."

So Eddie got a chair for her, and they talked till Eddie, glancing at the clock, ejaculated:

"Four! Would you think it frightful cheek if I asked you to have a cup of tea?"

The fog was friendly. At five o'clock it was thicker than ever. At six he reported that, though artichoke soup may be nicer than the pea variety, it is just as thick. And before it had lifted they had arranged a country tramp for Sunday.

Tramping with Mary across a windswept Surrey heath. Eddie found her glorious; seemingly fragile, yet careless of the miles and the hills; obviously dainty, yet heedless of the mile and the rain that fell towards evening.

On that walk he discovered that Mary lived with an elderly invalid cousin, a martinet, and was scarcely over free except on Sundays, when an over relation spent the day with Cousin Victoria.

"Will you meet me next Sunday?" Eddie asked before saying "Good-night."

The universe seemed sinking in the balance because she didn't immediately say "Yes." But she did, finally.

Eddie carried that queer pearl earring in his pocket on that second tramp, and wondered if, one day, he could have a fellow made, and she would accept—well, the three of them. This time she did not keep him in sus-

pense at Earsfield Station at the end of their tramp.

"Next Sunday at ten?" said he. "If you like," she answered, eyes shining. "Good-night."

But on Monday, as he glanced at usual at the Agency Column of his daily paper, Eddie read:

"£10 reward. Lost recently in the West End, an earring, consisting of an encased eye and a pearl in the shape of a teardrop. All communications to S. D. Donnelly's Hotel, Bloomsbury."

With the earring in the palm of his hand, he read the advertisement again. Unlikely there could be two pairs of earrings of such unusual design. At the thought he felt uneasy, and for the first time Mary's initial remark, "I found only one," occurred to mind.

Had she picked it up? Didn't she know that findings aren't keepings? What had he better do? See her?

She had told him not to come to the house or write, because of her old cousin. But this was a business matter, and an urgent one. He ought to go. He went. But no Mary Ridley lived at No. 6. So she had given a sham address. No wonder she would not let him see her home! But what was all this leading to? To the conclusion that she wasn't straight? Ridiculous! Of course she was—as straight as a die! There was some perfectly sound explanation. He must wait till they met on Sunday.

He waited for her outside Earsfield Station on Sunday morning—waited till one o'clock—but she did not come. Had she seen the advertisement and taken alarm? Was she afraid to meet him? Miserably, he decided that it was up to him to communicate with the advertiser at Donnelly's Hotel, Bloomsbury.

He rang up. It was Mrs. Dowson he wanted, said the girl in the office. She would be back on Monday evening. On a postcard that came by the first post on Monday morning Eddie read:

"So terribly sorry I couldn't keep appointment, but my cousin was suddenly taken ill, and I couldn't possibly leave her. I tried to phone you, but could get no reply.—Mary."

That evening Eddie went to Donnelly's Hotel. He was shown up to a private sitting-room, where he found a florid-looking, middle-aged woman, smothered in jewels.

Eddie explained his mission, and showed her the earring. She pounced on it. Her? Yes. She'd know it among ten thousand. Questions poured from her. He explained.

"You mean," said she, "that a girl picked it up somewhere and sold it to you? That's a crime, you know." "I'm sure it wasn't," said Eddie. "I'm certain she has a perfectly good explanation."

Mrs. Dowson glowered, then said: "Give me her name and address." "I'm afraid I can't," Eddie said awkwardly. "She gave them in confidence."

"Oh!" was her comment. "Well, you'll have to give them to the police, you know."

"To a police?" "I shall put the whole affair into their hands. I'm not at all sure that I believe your story. Maybe you picked the earring up yourself and kept it till a reward was advertised—or perhaps the girl's your accomplice."

"That," said Eddie, "is a lie. She's as straight as—"

The door was burst open and in rushed an excited waiter.

"It's too late!" he announced, and held out a salver on which lay the duplicate of the earring Mrs. Dowson still held. "Be'nd so divan in so lounge among so friends of a pain, madame!"

Mrs. Dowson snatched up the earring. "Tell me," she cried, panting, staring at Eddie, "all you know about that girl!"

When the waiter had gone, Eddie said:



How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

by Wynne Ferguson
Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE No. 2

If there is one thing about Auction and Contract that is certain and undisputed, it is the fact that no perfect system of bidding has been or is ever likely to be invented. Almost any system, if clearly understood by partners and intelligently played, will produce good results. The only difference between systems of bidding in both games lies in the difference in the skill of the players advocating the different systems. The only thing that makes one system preferable to another is the fact that it is more easily understood and applied by the average player. The writer has known of many match games between experts advocating different systems and, as a rule, such matches have been more or less even. And it is very lucky that there is no perfect system of bidding. If there were, the game would soon lose its fascination and charm. No one likes to feel that the other fellow knows as much as he does and, if the bidding were perfect, no one could put anything over.

What really makes Auction and Contract so fascinating, however, is its uncertainty. Every bid, practically, is a gamble for there is no guarantee that the cards will not be so distributed that your bid, no matter how sound, cannot be made. For example, suppose you bid one heart, holding five hearts headed by the ace, king, queen and an outside ace. No one will say that such a bid is unsound under any system, and yet you are doubled and lose your contract by three tricks. There were seven hearts in one hand against you. A bad break but no one can say you made a bad bid.

The following example hands apply equally well to Auction or Contract. The dealer bid one spade and second hand, holding the following:

Hearts—Q, J, 9, 8, 6, 4, 3
Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10, 7, 6
Spades—A, 10
Diamonds—K, Q, J, 10, 7, 6

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Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10, 7, 6
Spades—A, 10
Diamonds—K, Q, J, 10, 7, 6

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"Thanks for the lift," said the woman, as she climbed from the plastic surgeon's chair. "I love you," is still the sweetest sentence in any tongue, but it is no longer a life sentence.

If the present hat styles result in no falling off in the marriage license rate, that will be final proof that love is blind.

A woman you know brags that she always says "just what she thinks" is no great shakes of a thinker; she ought to study up more pleasant thoughts, or stop talking so much.

It takes hard work to make any living. Physicians say one million women are overweight; those, of course, are round figures. A good citizen is one who wants to give back to the world some of the good he has got out of it.

Old-time "innocent amusements" are still innocent, but they are no longer amusements. It is always well to remember that an ounce of keeping your mouth shut is worth a pound of explanation.

Mule in a barnyard, lazy and sick. Boy with a pin on the end of a stick. Boy jabbed the mule—mule gave a lurch—(services Monday at the M. E. Church).

The restaurant advertised sudden service, but didn't give it. A patron gave an order, waited patiently and fell asleep. He awoke to hear the waitress' voice:

Waitress—"Did you order this sundae?"

Customer (in dismay)—"Good heavens! What day's this?"

It was Sunday morning in a church school. "Will you please tell me," said a member to the teacher, "how far in actual miles Dan is from Beersheba?"

All my life I have heard the familiar phrase, "from Dan to Beersheba," but I have never known the distance."

Before the answer could be given, another member arose and inquired, "Do I understand that Dan and Beersheba are the names of places?"

"Yes."

"That is one on me. I always thought they were husband and wife, like Sodom and Gomorrah."

Mr. Gay—"Tell me, my dear, how do you manage to get the maid up so early in the morning?"

Mrs. Gay—"It was rather clever of me. I introduced her to the milkman."

He took a friend for a day's sport. The friend knew nothing of fishing, but decided to try his luck.

After a long silence by the banks of the stream the novice said, "I say, how much do those little red things cost?"

"You mean the floats? Oh, they're cheap. Why?"

"I owe you for one. Mine's just sunk."

Somewhat, the fact that a man would have made you miserable for life is no consolation for not having married him. Recipes come in books, but cooking, like love, just comes natural. Little men who get into important positions seldom miss an opportunity to determine their size. A milliner usually tries to keep prices under her hat.

The ambitious wife of a millionaire gave a big dinner party. Her husband, who had made his money as the inventor of a patent rat poison, was silent during the dinner. As the ladies left the room, his wife found an opportunity to whisper to him: "Why on earth don't you talk?" "Talk?" he replied. "Why, what's the use of it? Not a single person here knows anything about me."

The quaking whistle had blown when Murphy shouted, "Here any one seen me yet?" "Sure, Murphy," said Pat, "and you've got it out!" "Right and I have," replied Murphy, "and I'm coming at it from the bottom." "And it's a good thing you seen it, or I'd have gone home without it."

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The United States have just placed a big order with a British firm for periscopes, to be fitted into their submarines. France used to buy our periscopes, but is now barred from doing so by a decree prohibiting the purchase of foreign war materials. But, while France makes her own, she works under the supervision of British experts.

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no time will any star name be used, when no mention of
the star is made in the Theatre advertisement.
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The Week's News of
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BEAMSVILLE

Mrs. George Slingerland, a former resident here, died at the Home for incurables in Toronto yesterday in her 84th year. The remains were brought here for interment on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ken Falby, Cochrane, is spending the holidays with her parents in town.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of the General Hospital, Hamilton, was home for the weekend.

St. Alban's church Sunday school held its annual Christmas spread for the Community hall kitchenette on Monday.

The Sunday school and congregation of the Church of Christ had a pleasant evening on Friday, when a chicken supper was enjoyed, and afterwards a tree and gift distribution to the Sunday school classes.

For the second annual dance of the West Lincoln branch of the Legion on Friday night, the Community hall was prettily decorated with flags, and the orchestra was ensconced behind a bower of ferns.

Mrs. S. H. Anderson sang a number of solos between the dance numbers, which were played by Merril's orchestra, of Hamilton. Mrs. A. Finbow played Mrs. Anderson's accompaniments. Some 200 couples enjoyed the splendid hospitality of the Legion.

While walking along King street in front of Richardson's garage on Saturday night, Mrs. Isabella Woods was knocked down by a motorist crossing the walk to enter the garage. She was unhurt except for some slight head bruises.

The Horticultural society has placed a prettily lighted Christmas tree at the intersection of Mountain and Queen streets. The society is also placing a Christmas wreath on the cenotaph this week.

A large congregation was present for the musical services in Knox United church Sunday.

The council will assume the responsibility of lighting the civic Christmas tree planted last year by the chamber of commerce on the lawn of Dr. C. A. D. Fairfield.

The fire hydrant now standing in front of the Everett block will be moved further west, as in its present location it blocks parking in front of the Bickell grocery.

Constable Jubilee was deputed to investigate appeals for relief when such are made and report to the council. The question of the arrears in water payments was again to the fore, and it was decided to request those who have not paid their rates to date to do so before the end of the month.

A circular from the post office department proclaims the information that there will be no rural route deliveries on Christmas day, nor will the post office wickets be open for call mail.

There was a good attendance at the recent meeting of the Women's institute. Mrs. G. O. Greves and Miss M. H. Blackley, of St. Catharines, gave some interesting statistics on the immigration question. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair gave a talk and demonstration on corsetry. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. George Lister. It was decided to hold an oyster supper in the near future, the proceeds to be devoted to relief work, and Mrs. E. Hurst was appointed the committee convener.

Hydro Inspector George House, of Hamilton, had two cases of complaint in Magistrate Campbell's police court last week for unexcused hook-ups. In the case of a radio connection, a fine of \$16 and costs was imposed on the agent making the connection and installing the plug-in himself. The case from the St. Ann's district for making an unexcused connection with a musical organ was dismissed.

Reeve E. B. Osborne acted as host to the village council at a dinner. Besides all members of the council and the village clerk, W. D. Fairbrother, former clerk and treasurer, and Sidney J. Wilson, M.L.A., were present. After dinner the council held its last meeting for the year.

Robert Kemp discussed plans for restoring the old Baptist burial ground, reporting that there were over 180 marked graves, the oldest being dated 1805. Besides the grave of Jacob Beam, founder of this village, many of the graves are of the original settlers in this district and include the grave of the doctor who attended General Brock. Due to the great historic value of this burial grounds the council is considering very carefully the best means of preserving the records and making a beauty spot of the old burial grounds.

The Horticultural society stated it was offering three prizes for the best decorated Christmas tree on the lawn of any citizen of Beamsville, and requested that the council take the necessary action to have the municipal tree decorated. This request was granted.

Officers to act at the coming municipal elections were appointed: Polling sub-division No. 1—D.R.O., George Seymour; poll clerk, William Mackie; constable, D. H. Huggins; polling sub-division No. 2—D.R.O., A. E. Clause; poll clerk, Frank Hiltz; constable, Fred Lay.

The following grants were passed: Dr. Orr's member board of health, \$10; the Beamsville Citizens band \$100; Reeve E. B. Osborne, \$50; the Beamsville and Lincoln Poultry association \$25; the Beamsville and Clinton Agricultural society, \$125.

At a special meeting of the Beamsville Horticultural society arrangements were made for a Yuletide exterior decoration contest, open to all residents of the village. Three prizes will be awarded. Between dusk and midnight on Wednesday, December 23, the illuminated contest will be judged, and prizes awarded on a basis of artistic effect, ingenuity of design, color blending and seasonal fitness of the whole decorating scheme.

The Beamsville firemen will hold their New Year dance in the Community hall.

Among those who have entertained for Miss Hilda Hicks, whose marriage to Aubrey Smith of Winona, will take place early in the new year are Mrs. Fred Smith, of Winona, Misses Maude Byles, Alice Parslow and Ethel Corcoran and Mrs. John Prudhomme of Beamsville. Miss Hicks is at present a member of the public school staff here.

Mrs. Kennedy Falby of Cochrane is the guest of her parents, Harry and Mrs. Robinson, during the holiday season.

WINONA

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the parsonage when Eva, younger daughter of Mrs. Helen Graham was united in marriage to Claude J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, Winona. Rev. J. W. Hunt officiated. The young couple left immediately after by motor for a short trip.

The annual meeting of St. John's W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Frances Carpenter recently. The reports for the past year were read and the following officers elected for the coming year: Honorary president, Mrs. McLennan; honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. C. A. P. Smith and Mrs. E. M. Smith; president, Mrs. S. White; first vice president, Mrs. Armand Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Garrard; treasurer, Mrs. Tunc; secretary, Mrs. Vera Smith; literary secretary, Mrs. McLennan; secretary of the Living Misses; Mrs. Colebrook; auditors, Mrs. Garrard and Mrs. Colebrook; social service convener, Mrs. Armand Smith; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. J. White; secretary of minors, Mrs. Irene Carpenter; quilts, Mrs. S. Bigger; flowers, Mrs. Armand Smith; secretary of little helpers, Miss Vera Smith; delegates, Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Colebrook; thank offering, Mrs. Richmond; silver, Mrs. J. White; dishes, Mrs. J. Camp.

Miss Viola Smith gave a tea last week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United church, the proceeds of which will go toward Christmas relief work. Those present enjoyed a delightful program during the afternoon, when Mrs. McCallum sang several solos. Miss Margaret Kelson gave a piano selection, Miss Evelyn Budge and Miss Viola Smith each singing solos. A short time was spent discussing business under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Ainslie, and during a social half hour, the hostess served lunch.

Mrs. E. E. Martin has left for Norwich, where she will spend the winter months.

Friends will be glad to hear that Anley McKay, who is seriously ill with pneumonia, is showing a slight improvement.

C. and Mrs. Smith have recently returned from their honeymoon, which was spent at Toronto.

Rev. J. W. Hunt attended the funeral of the Rev. Mr. Mousinger as a representative of the Hamilton presbytery.

Schools in the surrounding district are closed Tuesday.

There has been considerable sickness in the community and several people have been confined to their homes because of colds and sore throats.

The Fifty United Sunday school held its annual supper and Christmas tree in the Sunday school rooms Friday night when a large number of children and parents sat down to a real get-together. Afterwards there was a short programme given by the pupils. During the program Rev. J. W. Hunt on behalf of their many friends at Fifty, presented Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson, who are leaving in a few days for British Columbia, with a travelling bag, as a small token of the esteem in which they are both held in the community. Mr. Hunt in a short address paid tribute to Mr. Wilson's sterling character and sound judgment and to Mrs. Wilson's great interest in and interest to every one, especially the children.

Santa Claus arrived amid great excitement on the part of the children and her elves, and distributed the gifts from the tree.

The public school closed for the Christmas holidays on December 22, and reopens on January 4.

The Women's institute held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Cudney on Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance and an especially interesting program which was in charge of the Junior members.

Norris Whewell will represent the Y. P. L. of Fifty in the prepared and Cameron Dunkin the impromptu speeches against Stoney Creek.

Johnston and Miss Catharine Lounsbury will debate for Fruitland against Bartonville on January 4. The subject selected is "Resolved That the Time is Now Ready for the Disarmament of the Nations."

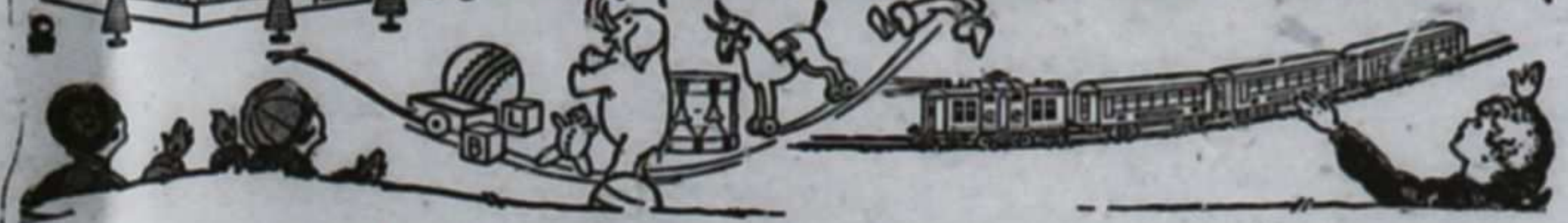
Rev. Henry Cotton of Stoney Creek addressed the local legion on Wednesday night and spoke on certain social and economic conditions of today.

School was suspended Wednesday last in the third class owing to the illness of Miss Swain.

STONEY CREEK

The Women's Institute held a sale of baking in aid of the needy Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Boden, King street. The proceeds amounted to \$30. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Boden.

The girls' choir and many of the young people of the village went to Brantford Thursday evening to put on a concert in Grace church, Brantford, under the direction of Mrs. Henry Cotton. One of the special attractions was the kitchen orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Pluherer. Soloists were: Mrs. Harvey Clough, James Twaddle and Miss Helen McLeod and Bernice

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holding a progressive euchre in the
hall, on Tuesday evening, December
29th. The election of officers for the
new season will take place. All are
invited to attend.

Mrs. and Mr. M. S. Merritt, attend-
ed a golden wedding celebration in
honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill, in
Windsor, on Monday evening.

Miss A. Yorton, Hamilton, spent
the week-end at her home here.

Miss Evelyn Hopkins visited with
her grand parents, A. and Mrs. Alt-
house, at Tweedside, on Sunday.

BINBROOK

Elmer and Mrs. Johnson had a very
pleasant surprise on their 25th wed-
ding anniversary, when twenty fam-
ilies from Blackheath presented them
a china cabinet to mark the event.

The Binbrook United Women's as-
sociation met on Wednesday afternoon
in the Sunday school room. As this
was the annual meeting, the officers
were all re-elected for the year 1931.
Miss Jennie Switzer being the presi-
dent for the second year.

EQUALIZATION OF COUNTY
ASSESSMENT DEBATED
BY WENTWORTH COUNCIL

Judge Thomson's equalization of
county assessment award occupied the
attention of the county councillors
last week. After an animated discus-
sion it was decided to receive the judg-
ment and that the required levy bylaw
will be prepared.

Opinion was divided among the coun-
cillors as to the fairness of the award.
Warden Gibson led the opposition and
intimated that as far as Beverly town-
ship is concerned the award will be
appealed. "I want to go on record as
being opposed to the award, which I
consider is most unfair to the munici-
pality I represent," he said.

Councillor Fletcher said that who-
ever represented Binbrook on the coun-
ty council next year would contest the
award.

Congratulating his honor on the
justice of the award, Councillor Glover
declared that Saltfleet township al-
ways felt that it was being assessed
too high. "Regarding Barton I think
the township was assessed fairly," he
said.

Saying that Barton was a poor town-
ship, Councillor Glover said, "I feel
that it is the duty of the council to
make his award and he gave a very
fair decision."

Councillor Thomas Stock said that
he was satisfied with the award, but
reminded his colleagues that the equal-
ization cost the county between \$6000
and \$7000. "What has the county
gained?" he asked. "he equalization
held years ago should have been final,
he said."

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